

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1092. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada.

H.R. 1442. An act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

H.R. 1521. An act to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1821. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Dorothy Height in recognition of her many contributions to the Nation.

H.R. 1828. An act to halt Syrian support for terrorism, end its occupation of Lebanon, and stop its development of weapons of mass destruction, and by so doing hold Syria accountable for the serious international security problems it has caused in the Middle East, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1883. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office".

H.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution recognizing Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 270. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month.

H. Con. Res. 273. Concurrent resolution recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions.

The message further announced that the House had passed S. 1680, a bill to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1092. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of Federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1521. An act to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of

the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1883. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1601-1 Main Street in Jacksonville, Florida, as the "Eddie Mae Steward Post Office"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.J. Res. 70. Joint resolution recognizing Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month", and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 270. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H. Con. Res. 273. Concurrent resolution recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1442. An act to authorize the design and construction of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1751. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4779. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Banking and Finance, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance" (RIN1505-AA98) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4780. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Banking and Finance, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Terrorism Risk Insurance Program" (RIN1505-AA99) received

on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4781. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance: Interim Capital Treatment of Consolidated Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Program Assets" (RIN3064-AC74) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4782. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Facility Security (USCG-2003-14759)" (RIN1625-AA68) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4783. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Area Maritime Security (USCG-2003-14733)" (RIN1625-AA42) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4784. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Automatic Identification System; Vessel Carriage Requirement (USCG-2003-14757)" (RIN1625-AA67) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4785. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vessel Security (USCG-2003-14749)" (RIN1625-AA46) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4786. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Facility Security (USCG-2003-14732)" (RIN1625-AA43) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4787. A communication from the Chief, Regulations and Administrative Law, Coast Guard, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of National Maritime Security Initiatives (USCG-2003-14792)" (RIN1625-AA69) received on October 15, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4788. A communication from the Chairman, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Government Performance and Results Act Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2003-2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4789. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report required by PL 107-243: "Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4790. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of the Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-155, "Cooperative Purchasing Agreements Amendment Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4791. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of the Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-156, "Revised Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley in Square 209, S.O. 02-1019, Temporary Act of 2003"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4792. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of the Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 15-157, "Tax Abatement for